ROBOT×LASERBEAM

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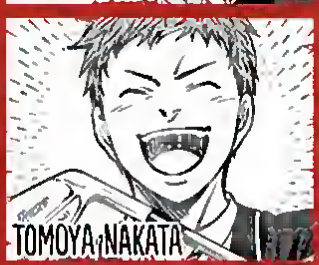
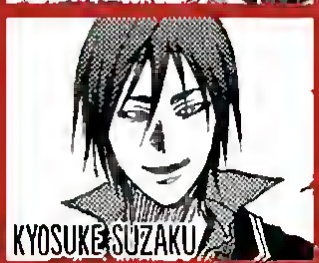
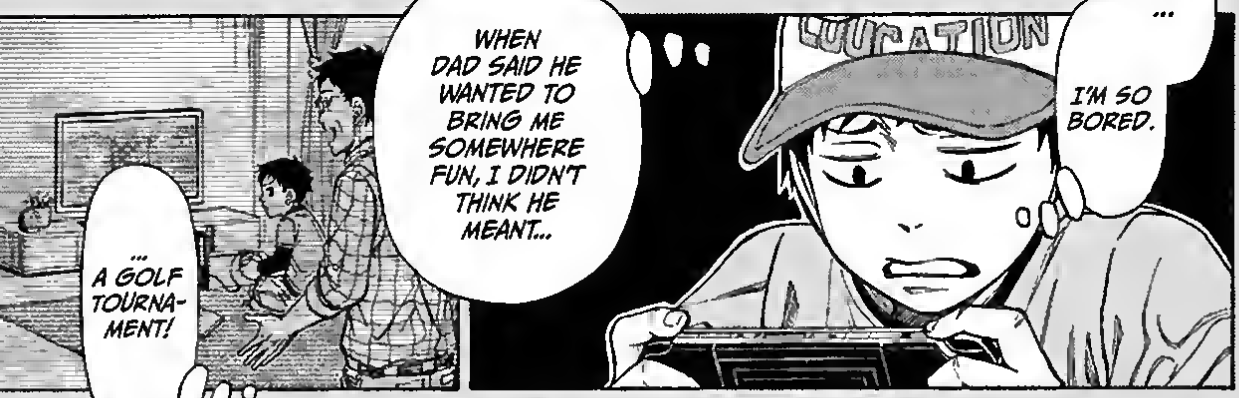
Robato Hatohara, a stupidly serious, creepily thorough and socially clueless high school boy, appears to have no interest in anything—including joining his friend Tomoya in the golf club. But when it's discovered that his perfect accuracy and calculations enable him to golf like a practiced professional, will he be able to escape playing golf?



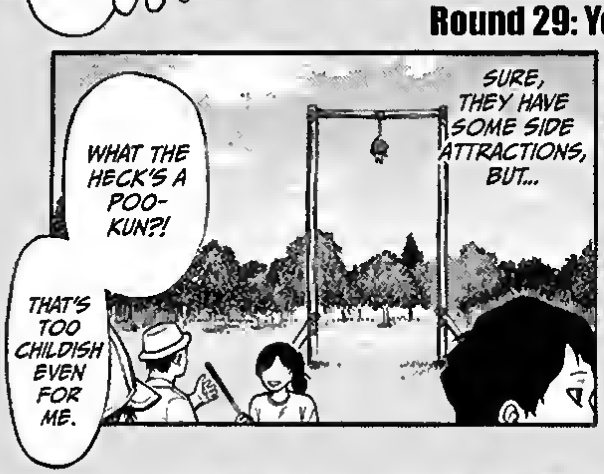


PREVIOUSLY IN *ROBOT×LASERBEAM*

After Robato Hatohara demonstrates his perfect swing, famous high school golfer Yozan Miura declares him to be his rival! But for their rivalry to actually grow, Robo needs to join the golf club and become a regular. A second-year student and regular, Rion Osanai, takes Robo under his wing to accomplish this goal and help him get a score in the seventies before the training camp. Having heard of Robo's triumph over Yozan, Tohoku International's Kyosuke Suzuaku, a.k.a. "the Emperor," challenges Robo to play against him in a practice match. On the 18th hole of the match, the schools are tied with a score of 13 under. Robo and Kyosuke are the last to tee off, and Robo wins it for Eiai with an eagle. After the match, it's revealed that Tohoku International was most likely holding back—especially Suzaku—and that their team has a long way to go if they want to beat them in a real match. Robo returns to his normal school life determined more than ever to beat Suzaku and Yozan, and declaring that he really does find golf fun! With the training camp coming up, Robo spends a day with his friends picking up supplies. But suddenly, Suzaku reaches out to him and invites him and his friends to go watch Yozan play! Nearing the end of the tournament, Yozan has a real chance of winning and becomes even more fired up when he spots Robo in the crowd!



Round 29: Yozan's Strength



WAH
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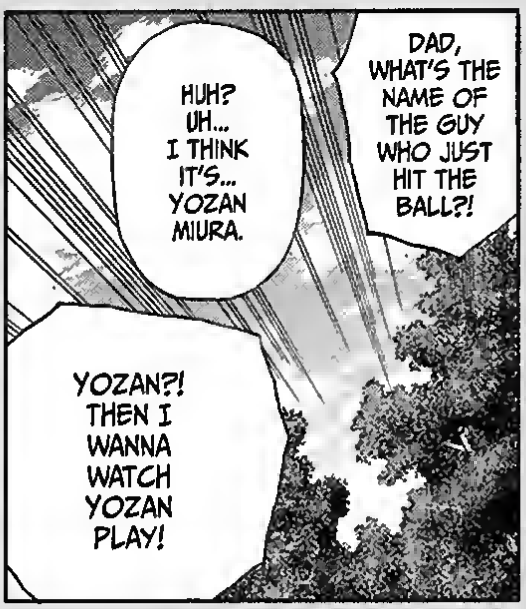
AND THE WAY HE SWUNG HIS CLUB IS NOTHING LIKE THE WAY DAD DOES AT HOME!
WOBBL
IT WAS LIKE— ZOOM! OUTTA HERE!
I DIDN'T KNOW A BALL COULD FLY LIKE A ROCKET!
WOW !!!!

...I GUESS THERE'RE COOL GUYS LIKE HIM TOO!
THOUGH HE'S A LITTLE SCARY.
I THOUGHT GOLF WAS ONLY FULL OF OLD GEEZERS, BUT...


DAD, WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE GUY WHO JUST HIT THE BALL?!
HUH? UH... I THINK IT'S... YOZAN MIURA.
YOZAN?! THEN I WANNA WATCH YOZAN PLAY!

YOZAN MIURA....
MURMUR
...WAS TIED AT THE TOP WHEN HE HIT HIS SECOND SHOT ON THE 18TH HOLE...
...ONLY TO TAKE OUT HIS 3-WOOD OF ALL THINGS!
THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL MAKE IT.
HE'S GOT A HEADWIND COMING IN AND IS STILL 290 YARDS FROM THE PIN! HE ALSO NEEDS TO COVER 270 YARDS TO GET PAST THE POND.
I DON'T CARE HOW GOOD HE IS— THAT'S JUST RECK-LESS!

WHAT ?!
HEH ...!
HE'S NOT GOING TO MAKE IT! THERE'S A 100 PERCENT CHANCE HIS BALL'S GONNA GET WET.
HE MAY BE CONFIDENT THAT HE CAN COVER THE DISTANCE, BUT EVERYONE HAS THEIR LIMITS.
...HE'S BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY FOCUSED.
EVER SINCE HE LOCKED EYES WITH THAT REDHEAD WITH THE GLASSES...
BUT WHY'S HE LIKE THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE EVEN FOR YOZAN-SAN TO MAKE THIS SHOT. I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM.
JUST YOU WATCH, ROBATO!
I'LL CINCH MY VICTORY WITH THIS SHOT.
I'LL MAKE IT REACH!

WHAT AN IDIOT. HE SHOULD JUST HIT A LAY-UP SHOT.
AW, MAN. IT'S ALL OVER NOW.
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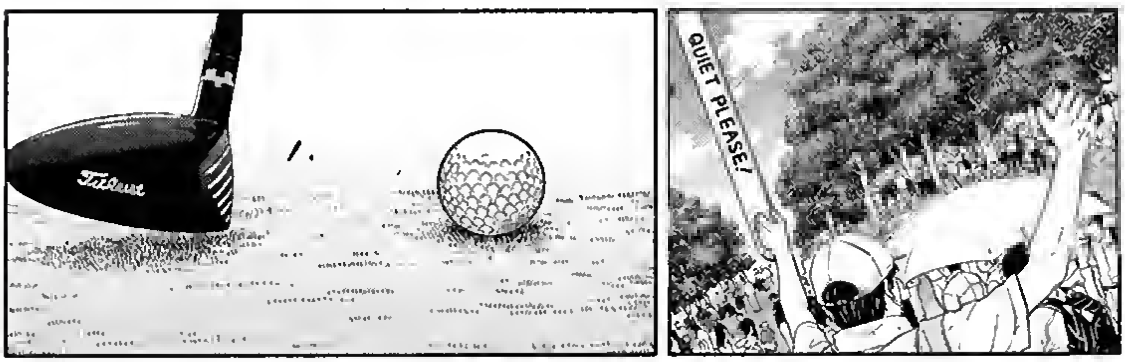
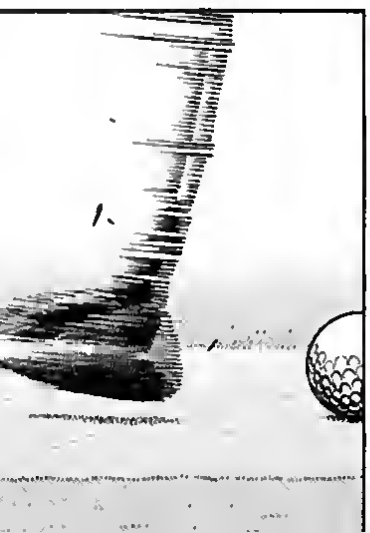
HMPH...


Titleist
QUIET PLEASE!

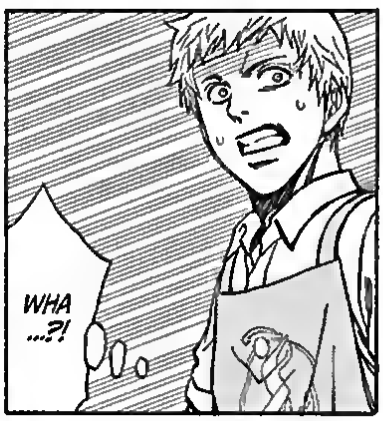
SRIXON

FLASH

SRIXON
YOU CAN DO IT, YOZAN!
DON'T LOSE!!

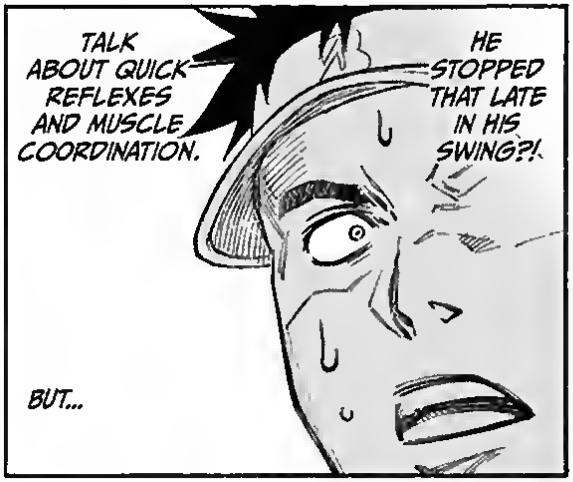


HIS SWING'S BEEN DISRUPTED!
BAD LUCK!
HE'LL MISS THE SHOT!

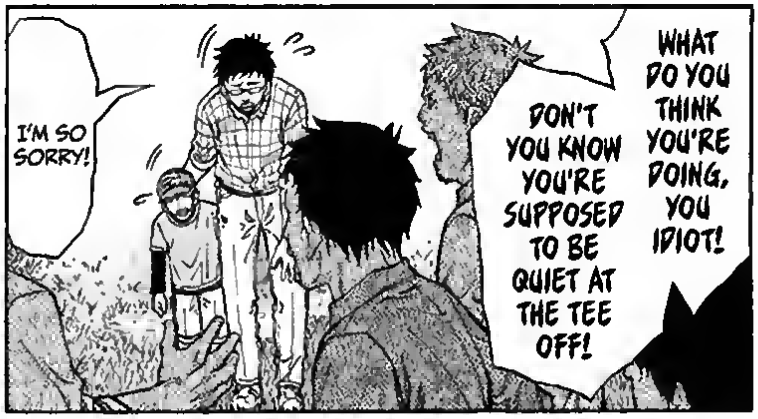

WHA ...?!

GRIT
...
DUN
SRIXON
HE...
HE STOPPED!
I THOUGHT FOR SURE HE'D MESS UP, BUT INSTEAD...
...HE QUICKLY CANCELED HIS SWING AND KEPT HIMSELF FROM MISSING HIS SHOT!

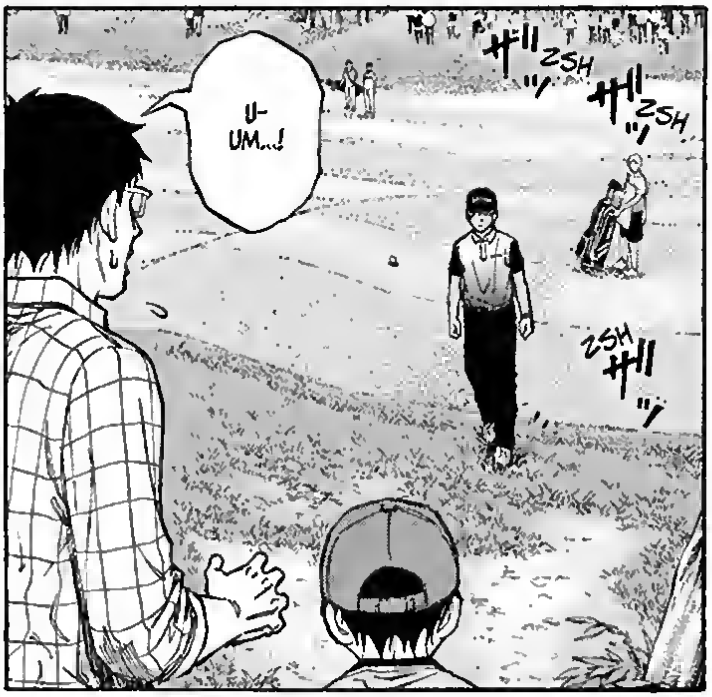
AND THIS LATE IN THE GAME TOO...
IF I WERE HIM, I'D CHEW THAT KID OUT.
ONCE HIS FOCUS HAS BEEN SHATTERED, THERE'S NO GETTING IT BACK.


TALK ABOUT QUICK REFLEXES AND MUSCLE COORDINATION.
HE STOPPED THAT LATE IN HIS SWING?!
BUT...

Cleveland
GOLF


I'M SO SORRY!
DON'T YOU KNOW YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE QUIET AT THE TEE OFF!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOU IDIOT!

I...
I'M SORRY...


U-UM..!
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH

PAT
EEP!

NOW I'M ALL FIRED UP.
THANKS FOR CHEERING ME ON.
XON
BUT NEXT TIME, WHEN I'M ABOUT TO TEE OFF, YOU CAN WISH ME LUCK IN YOUR HEART.
I'LL GET THE MESSAGE LOUD AND CLEAR.

THAT'S A REAL UPSTANDING WAY TO HANDLE THE GALLERY.
BUT NOW HE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH HIS SECOND APPROACH.
THERE'S NO TELLING IF HE'LL ACHIEVE THE SAME LEVEL OF CONCENTRATION AS BEFORE.
...
NO...
I THINK HE'LL BE FINE.
IN FACT, HIS SHOULDERS ARE MORE RELAXED THAN LAST TIME.
AND HE LOOKS MORE FOCUSED.
STAR

THOK
SRIXON

YOZAN MIURA HIT THE BALL!
WOOOSH
HE'S RISKING EVERYTHING ON THIS ONE SHOT TO AIM FOR A GREEN UNDER REGULATION!
HE REALLY HIT IT!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE HEAD-WIND?!
AND THIS HOLE HAS A THREE-LAYERED WALL OF WIND ON IT.
THERE'S NO WAY IT'LL EVEN GET THROUGH THE FIRST LAYER...
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FWOOOOSH

THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
IT'S THROUGH!
IT GOT THROUGH ALL THREE WALLS OF WIND.
THIS IS BAD.

KLAK
THUMP
Titleist
SRIXON
HE'S TOO EXTREME ...!!

WAAAAAH!
IT'S ON!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
HE GOT A GREEN UNDER REGULATION FROM 290 YARDS AWAY!
...!

YOZAN-KUN'S AMAZING!
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT...
ROBO ...?
...JUST NOW...
...MY HEART STARTED BEATING LIKE CRAZY, AND IT WON'T STOP.
TO BE CONTINUED...
AT ONLY 15 YEARS OLD, HE'S A WONDER OF AN AMATEUR.
"THE SAMURAI" ...
YOZAN MIURA!!
WHAT A DRAMATIC AND HISTORIC END TO THE TOURNA-MENT!
AND IT'S AN EAGLE!
WAAAAH!!
YO-KUN!
INCRED-IBLE!
THIS IS WHY HE'LL ALWAYS BE MY FAVORITE RIVAL!
SHVR
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